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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/976,054

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Cytokinin Pathway

Confirmation No.: 3580

Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: Cheyne D. Ly

Atty. Docket: 16517.256

Amendment and Response

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2005 and the Office Communication dated June 16, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Examiner: C.D. Ly
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/976,054 filed October 15, 2001
Inventors: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated
with the Cytokinin Pathway
Atty. Dkt: 16517.256

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Responsive Communication;
2. Revised Amendment and Response; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

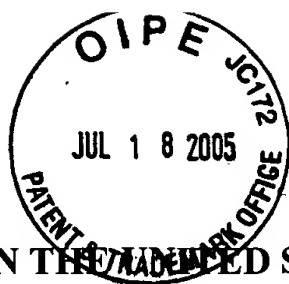
In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.256. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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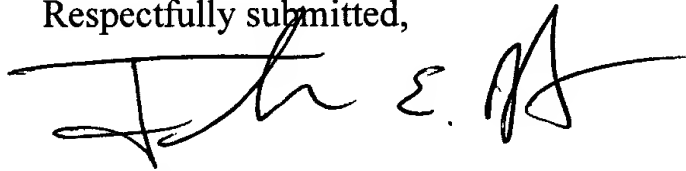
Sir:

In response to the notice of non-responsive communication mailed June 16, 2005, which alleged that Applicants failed to provide a complete listing of all the claims ever presented, Applicants submit herewith an amended copy of the Amendment and Response, which was filed on April 1, 2005, and an accompanying transmittal letter. The response has been amended to provide a complete listing of all claims ever presented, with identifiers indicating their status (see Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2 of the enclosed Amendment and Response).

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice of such is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any fees in addition to those provided for in the accompanying documents, are due at this time. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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